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Preliminary Amendment

This preliminary amendment is directed to the accompanying 37 C.F.R. 1.60 application. The 37 C.F.R. 1.60 application enclosed is the substitute specification filed for the parent application. Prior to taking up this case for action, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

In the disclosure

Please enter the enclosed substitute disclosure and add the following abstract at the end of the specification.

Abstract of the disclosure

An agent for the treatment of septicemia containing as the active component protein binding liposaccharide (LBP), its variants, mutants, or hybrid proteins.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-11 and replace claims 1-11 with the following new claims:

12. An agent for the treatment of septicemia containing as the active component protein binding lipopolysaccharide (LBP), its variants, mutants or hybrid proteins.

13. The agent of claim 12, wherein said LBP comprises human LBP.